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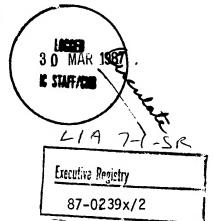
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Honorable Robert M. Gates Acting Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

This is to clarify the relationship between the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("Intelligence Committee") and the Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions with Iran ("Select Committee").

The investigation of the Iran/contra matter is being conducted by the Select Committee. However, the Intelligence Committee retains jurisdiction over all intelligence and intelligence-related activities. Members of the Intelligence Committee have been appointed to the Select Committee, and staff of the Intelligence Committee have been assigned as associate staff of the Select Committee. Information requested by the Select Committee will be shared with the Intelligence Committee through these Members and staff.

Coordination between the two Committees will be close. Requests for information from the intelligence community by the Select Committee will be coordinated with the Intelligence Committee through its Members and staff on the Select Committee. The Intelligence Committee will continue oversight of all intelligence activities and will consult with the Select Committee on matters concerning the Iran/contra investigation. Consequently, any request for information by the Intelligence Committee should be fully responded to by you, whether or not it is related to the Iran/contra investigation.

We trust you will comply promptly with both Committees' requests for information.

Sincerely,

LOUIS STOKES

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